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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 532**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Yee**

February 18, 2003

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An act to add Section 5097 to the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 532, as amended, Yee. Vehicles: special interest license plates: classroom instruction support.

Existing law requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to issue special interest license plates to any person applying for the plates and paying certain fees. The plates contain a distinct design or decal of the participating organization and may be displayed in lieu of regular license plates. Existing law prohibits the department from issuing any special interest license plate until the participating organization has received and submitted to the department not less than 7,500 applications for that particular plate within certain time limitations.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to design and make available for issuance, in accordance with existing law, special interest license plates with a specified design. The bill would require certain funds generated from the issuance of the special interest license plates to be deposited in the Classroom Instruction Support License Plate Account, which the bill would establish in the General Fund. The bill would require the *department, commencing on January 1, 2005, and every January 1*

thereafter, to report to the State Department of Education on a yearly basis the total number of plates sold under these provisions during the previous year within each county. The bill would require the money in the account ~~to be allocated by the Controller, upon appropriation by the Legislature, to be allocated by the State Department of Education for allocation to school districts to fund~~ to school districts within each county within which plates are reported to have been sold. The bill would require that the funds be allocated among the counties in the proportion that the number of plates sold under these provisions in a county during the previous year bears to the total number of plates sold under these provisions in the state during the previous year. The bill would require a school district that receives funds under these provisions to expend those funds solely for the purposes of funding classroom instruction support programs, including the purchase of books and instructional materials, as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 5097 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
- 2 read:
- 3 5097. (a) The department, in consultation with the State
- 4 Department of Education, shall design and make available for
- 5 issuance special license plates, in accordance with Section 5060,
- 6 bearing a design relating to classroom instruction. Any person
- 7 described in Section 5101, upon payment of the additional fee set
- 8 forth in subdivision (b), may apply for and be issued a set of special
- 9 interest license plates described in this subdivision.
- 10 (b) In addition to the regular fees for an original registration, a
- 11 renewal of registration, or a transfer or substitution of the license
- 12 plates, the following additional fees shall be paid for the issuance,
- 13 renewal, retention, transfer, or substitution of the special interest
- 14 license plates authorized under subdivision (a):
- 15 (1) For the original issuance of the plates, fifty dollars (\$50).
- 16 (2) For a renewal of registration of the plates, or retention of the
- 17 plates if renewal is not required, forty dollars (\$40).
- 18 (3) For transfer of the plates to another vehicle, fifteen dollars
- 19 (\$15).



1 (4) For each substitute or replacement plate, thirty-five dollars  
2 (\$35).

3 (5) In addition, for the issuance of an environmental license  
4 plate, as defined in Section 5103, the additional fees prescribed in  
5 Sections 5106 and 5108, which shall be deposited in the  
6 Environmental License Plate Fund.

7 (c) Except as provided in paragraph (5) of subdivision (b), the  
8 department, after deducting its costs for administering this section,  
9 shall deposit the additional revenue derived under this section in  
10 the Classroom Instruction Support License Plate Account, which  
11 is hereby established in the General Fund.

12 ~~(d) Upon appropriation by the Legislature, the money in the~~  
13 ~~account shall be allocated by the Controller to the State~~  
14 ~~Department of Education for the purpose of allocation to school~~  
15 ~~districts to fund classroom instruction support programs;~~

16 *(d) Commencing on January 1, 2005, and every January 1*  
17 *thereafter, the department shall report to the State Department of*  
18 *Education the total number of plates sold under this section during*  
19 *the previous year within each county.*

20 *(e) Upon appropriation, the State Department of Education*  
21 *shall allocate the funds in the account to school districts within*  
22 *each county within which plates are reported to have been sold.*  
23 *The funds shall be allocated among the counties in the proportion*  
24 *that the number of plates sold under this section in a county during*  
25 *the previous year bears to the total number of plates sold under this*  
26 *section in the state during the previous year.*

27 *(f) A school district that receives funds under this section shall*  
28 *expend those funds solely for the purposes of funding classroom*  
29 *instruction support programs, including, but not limited to, the*  
30 *purchase of books and instructional materials.*

31 *(g) A school district that receives funds under this section shall*  
32 *expend those funds to supplement, not supplant, existing funding*  
33 *for the purposes listed under subdivision (f).*